



## School Expansion

As you will be aware, the Local Authority have proposed that we expand our school numbers from 45 to 60 children. They are aiming for this to take effect from September 2025 (starting with our Reception class).

In order for this to happen, they will need to undertake building works to accommodate the additional children.

<https://stpeterscofeprimaryschoolcoggeshall.org.uk/school-expansion>

We had anticipated that works could start as earlier as this summer. However, we have now had notice that the Local Authority are running significantly behind schedule. Therefore, it is unlikely that any building works will start before December 2024, if not later.

I will share more information as it becomes available.



## Celebration Evening

Thursday 18th July  
5.00pm - 7.00pm

We are hoping to see as many people as possible at the Celebration/Open evening this Thursday.

This is an opportunity to visit your child's class and view some of their work from the year.

You may also visit your child's new classroom and teacher, if you wish. As usual, there will be a fundraising refreshment stall in the hall.

Mrs Enright will be holding a Book Sale in the hall. Please remember to bring along some small change and a bag to carry home your wares!



There are many items of school uniform that have been found around the school. Those that are unnamed have been put into the two black bins at the front of the school office. If you have lost any items, please have a look through the black bins to see if your items are there.

All items in the bins will be removed at the end of term and will be recycled.

## Attendance

Attendance remains a high priority for the Department of Education, the Local Authority, and for schools. Schools monitor attendance closely and will inform parents if their child's attendance is becoming a cause for concern.

I previously sent the Attendance Policy to parents (5th June). This has now been approved by Governors and will be in place from September. There are also some changes to the guidance on fines for 'term-time holidays'.

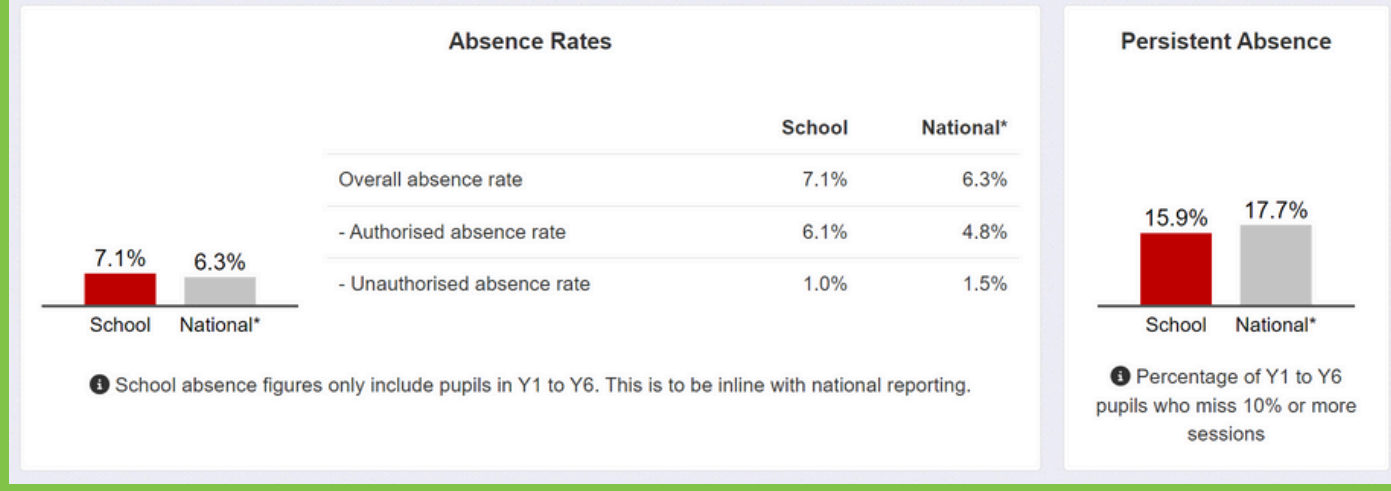
As the end of the year approaches, I thought it would be useful to share our attendance % for this year (see below). You will see that this data does not include Reception or pre-school.

Although our absences are lower than last academic year for St Peter's, our absence % remains higher than the National.

However, the % of children who are absent for more than 10% of the year (defined as 'persistent Absentee' by the Department for Education), is much improved on last year and is now below National.

Attendance will remain a high priority for the school - our targets will be:

- >95% attendance for the whole school
- <5% absence for the whole school
- <12% persistent absence for the school



## Parent Governor

You may recall that we appointed a parent governor, Louise Cowan, following your elections in November 2023. We also had another applicant, Kathryn McArdle (Worvell) who we appointed as a co-opted governor as there was only one parent governor vacancy. We have since checked and we had two parent governor vacancies and therefore propose moving Kathryn to this vacancy - this email is by way of notification.

Jayne Robertson  
Chair of Governors



In preparation for the school expansion, we will be changing the way we organise lunches from September.

All the children will use the Key Stage 2 playground at lunchtime but the lunchtimes will be staggered:

- EYFS & Key Stage 1 - 11.45am-12.45pm
- Key Stage 2 - 12.30pm-1.30pm

Although we do not need to make these changes until the school build projects starts, we have made the decision to do this at the beginning of the year to avoid a mid/late year change.

EYFS & Key Stage 1 will continue to use the infant playground for their break times.



### Non-Pupil days next year are:

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Friday 25th October 2024
- Monday 2nd June 2025
- Monday 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025

[Click here for full details.](#)



I am sorry to say we will be saying 'goodbye' to Mrs Carter this year. Mrs Carter has been training to be a teacher and has now secured a full-time teaching position in another school. I know you will join me in wishing her all the best - we know she will do well!

## Road safety



With the holidays coming up and (hopefully!) some pleasant weather, many of our children will be out and about enjoying their local environment.

Please can you be sure to remind your children of road safety - we have seen some near misses out and about in Coggeshall recently!

## School dates

newly added items or any changes are highlighted in yellow

July	
15th	Y1/2 Wilderness Project Trip
16th & 17th 6.30pm	Y5/6 production (letter sent out previously)
18th	'Meet the Teacher' - children spent the morning with their new teacher
18th 5pm-7pm	Celebration / Open Evening
22nd 5.30-7.30pm	Y6 Party Night! (details to follow)
23rd 10.30am	Y6 Leavers' Service at church
23rd 12-1pm	Parent Picnic
23rd	LAST DAY OF TERM
September	
2nd	INSET
3rd	FIRST DAY OF TERM

